

**1. Will I be issued a Piedmont Hospital badge?**

Yes. You will receive this on your first day from the HR office.

**2. Background Check/Drug Screen**

Piedmont Hospital requires a background check and drug screen for all students. See your clinical faculty for procedures and cost.

**3. Where do I park?**

A campus map can be found on [www.Piedmont.org/studentorientation](http://www.Piedmont.org/studentorientation) Student Parking-Atlanta Campus, under Additional Resources.

**4. What are the uniform requirements?**

Your school of nursing sets the requirements for uniforms. Piedmont Hospital nurses wear navy blue and/or white. Clinical Partners (nursing assistants) wear hunter green.

**5. Can I give medications?**

Piedmont Hospital's policy is that unlicensed personnel are not permitted to administer medications. Nursing students working with clinical faculty or Piedmont Hospital Nurses during a preceptorship may administer medications under the direction of a licensed Registered Nurse. Only clinical faculty and hospital staff have logins to the Electronic Medication Administration System. All patient medications are noted in the electronic medical record.

**6. What paperwork due I have to submit?**

Your clinical instructor has all the information needed to complete the required paperwork.

**7. Can I observe in various patient areas?**

All observations are coordinated through your clinical faculty.

## Additional FAQ's for Senior Practicum Nursing Students

**1. What am I able to do?**

Nothing without the guidance of your preceptor or clinical faculty overseeing your clinical rotation! All preceptors have been given a copy of your curriculum and have met with your faculty. Preceptors are instructed to follow the curriculum to guide them for your learning experience.

**2. Medication Administration**

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### **3. Charting**

All nursing students have view-only access to patient's electronic medical records. Make sure your logoff every time you leave the workstation. Your login information will be emailed to you. Please follow the instructions starting on page 5 on how to change your password your first day.

### **4. Patient Load**

Nurses usually take care of 5 to 7 patients per shift. Your faculty determines the number of patients you will care for during your clinical rotation. Your senior semester is an opportunity to learn time management skills. Please start with 1 patient and work your way up to full patient care for 2 to 3 patients.

### **5. How do I request a particular specialty area?**

First, contact your clinical instructor. Second, wait to hear from your clinical instructor. Piedmont Hospital does not take practicum requests from undergraduate students. The Nursing Development team works directly with Master degree seeking students and faculty for a graduate level experience.

### **6. How are preceptor assignments made?**

First, contact your clinical instructor. Second, wait to hear from your clinical instructor. Piedmont Hospital does not match students with preceptors. Your clinical instructor or school representative has been provided a list of preceptor names, shifts and specialty areas. Clinical instructors match you with a preceptor.

### **7. Can I switch preceptors?**

First, contact your clinical instructor. Second, wait to hear back from your clinical instructor.

### **8. I'm having issues with my preceptor (scheduling, teaching, personality, etc.)**

Try to resolve the issue! Accountability is a huge part of nursing. Presentation is key especially when addressing nursing staff and faculty. Piedmont expects you and your preceptor and/or clinical faculty to have open lines of communication and empowers you to address issues directly. Remember, once you start as a professional nurse you don't have an opportunity to select your team; you must work to develop relationships and use tools you have developed through team projects at school.